

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGUI 0527

E.O.11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: ENRG, MILI, CH, SZ, CT  
SUBJ: POTENTIAL CAE URANIUM SALES TO CHINA

REF: PEKING 0533

WHILE CAE HAS DEPOSITS OF 17,000 TONS OF URANIUM, THE FRENCH-SWISS-CAE COMPANY FORMED TO EXPLOIT THEM HAS NOT YET MADE A DECISION TO INVEST THE \$300 MILLION NECESSARY FOR EXPLOITATION. EXTRACTION IS TECHNICALLY DIFFICULT AND LOCATION OF ORE, REMOTE. UNLIKELY THERE WOULD BE ANY PRODUCTION BEFORE 1982 AT EARLIEST. FRENCH INTERESTS (THE FRENCH AEC AND THE FRENCH URANIUM COMPANY) AND ALUSUISSE TOGETHER HAVE CONTROLLING INTEREST IN PROJECT. WE ARE UNABLE TO JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO SELL TO THE PRC. BOKASSA WOULD NOT HESITATE TO AUTHORIZE SALE IF HE JUDGED THE PRICE RIGHT. HOWEVER, GIVEN FRANCE'S DOMINANT POSITION HERE, THE DETERMINING FACTOR WILL BE WHETHER OR NOT THE FRENCH APPROVE THE SALE.

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